ment of India such as REP|ALS & Import-Export Pass-Book Scheme.

(d) :

| | Year | Rs. (in crores) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | 1983-84 | 111.67 |
| 2. | 1984-85 | 129.05 |
| 3. | 1985-86 | 1 59.82 |

**Cut-down of Losses in NTC**

304. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what fresh steps have been taken by the National Textile Corporation to cut down its losses and increase its profits;

(b) whether the NTC guidelines aim at gradual change in the pattern of production by going into the production of finer cloth;

(c) whether Government had proposed to close a few of the weaker mills under NTC;

(d) if so, what are names of such mills which are proposed to be closed down;

(e) whether any restructuring of the exising marketing and distribution system has also been contemplated; and

(f) what are the other modernisation programmes proposed to meet the competition from the private mills?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Some of the important steps taken/being taken to reduce the losses of NTC are given below:

(i) reduction in wage cost by implementing labour rationalisation;

(ii) greater enforcement of accountability of top managesrs;

(iii) selective modernisation programme|stategies have been adopted for result-oriented gains within available resources;

(iv) implementation of workers' participation scheme in the management of mills of NTC;

(v) improvement in production;

(vi) strict control and supervision on the filing up of vacant posts;

(vii) infucing better management at all levels;

(viii) identifying the mills as profit centres and delegation of power and authority for General Managers of the mills, with responsibility for performance.

(b) The guidelines issued by NTC (Holding companies) to its subsidiary corporations contemplate improving the product mix and product range and undertaking concerted efforts towords improved product development.

(c) and (d) No final decision has been taken regarding the closure of any NTC mill so far.

(e) No radical structural changes are proposed at present.

(f) During the Seventh Plan period, an outlay of Rs. 117 crores

had been approved by the Planning Commission for modernisation and labour rationalisation schemes of NTC;

**Deployment of RPCF, BSF, etc. in States**

305. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the strength of CRPF, BSF and Army personnel stationed in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat during the last three years to control the law and order situation in the States;

(b) what is the number of CRPF, BSF and Army personnel injured and killed on duty in connection with clashes during the same period;

(c) what is the number of civilians injured or killed by the CRPF, BSF and the Army in these clashes; and

(d) what is the amount of compensation given in each case to the victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Law and order is the responsibility of the State Govt. and the Army and para-military forces are deployed on request by the State Govt. concerned for assisting the State Police in meeting law and order situations. It will not be in public interest to disclose the strength of Army/BSF/CRPF deployed in these States during the last three years.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) The Army/BSF/CRPF act with utmost caution and resort to firing during encounters with suspected terrorists or during clashes created by anti-social elements and miscreants only in self-defence. The question of their killing any innocent person does not therefore arise.

**Killing of Tamilians in Sri Lanka**

306. SHRI F.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of civilian Tamils killed/injured in Sri Lanka during the last three months;

(b) the total number of refugees who arrived in India from Sri Lanka during the same period;

(c) whether any talks were held between the Government of India and the Government of Sri Lanka recently with a view to finding a solution to the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI (K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) There are no precise figures but it is estimated that in the military operations from May 26 over 650 Tamil civilians were killed and a large number injured.

(b) From January to May 87, 284 refugees had come into India. In June 87, 1882 refugees arrived in India.

(c) and (d) Since June, 87 talks have been renewed between the Governments of India and Sri Lanka. These talks are still continuing.

**Communal Riots**

307. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of incidents of communal disturbances that took place during the last two months in various States;